

**An extraordinary meeting of the Trustees was held on Tuesday 6 January 2009**

**at 7.30pm at the Chairman's house.**

Present: Mr M Pullin in the chair, Mr R Artingstall, Mrs J Down, Mr M Gillian, Mrs M Hammond, Mrs R Kitley, Mrs S Watkins

The meeting was called to discuss **the Chapel walls**

The Architect had prepared a report for the Trustees' consideration on the Chapel walls following a site meeting between Biggs and a representative of Cannon Clark Ltd. Three solutions were put forward, the first from Cannon Clark being a replacement of the method used previously (estimate £3,504.00+VAT). The architect's strong recommendation was not to use this method again but to hack off existing wall plaster to max height of 1.5m and re-plaster using traditional lime plaster (£4420.00+VAT). A third alternative would be to leave the stone exposed and render with a lime render at a later date (no estimate obtained for this alternative). However, the Chairman had asked if it was better to wait until after the visit of Dr Yates on 22<sup>th</sup> January (Dampness expert at the Building Research Establishment who has links to Bath University and the Almshouses Association) before any decision was taken. Therefore Biggs suggested just re-painting as a temporary measure, fixing the new heaters which could then be re-installed after the walls had been fixed. The Trustees were in agreement that no painting should be undertaken or heaters installed until after the visit by Dr Yates. The report had also provided an estimate for stone skirting to replace the rotten wooden skirting (£1320.00+VAT). Again it was agreed that this should be delayed until after the walls are sorted. But it was suggested that the rotten skirting board be removed along with the black wooden altar/ shelf before Dr Yates's visit. It was agreed that the replacement of the chapel window should continue along with the electrics (except the new heaters) so electricity was no longer being taken from No 4.

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1. Christmas Concert: Bills now finalised so that the Clerk asked to split the profit between the School, the Band and the Almshouses. The Chairman agreed to complete the thank you letters. It was also agreed to book another concert for 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009 but the Almshouses should be in charge of the organisation of the event.

The meeting closed at 8pm